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THE GREATEST MOVEMENT IN WORLD **HISTORY IS LAUNCHED!**

LUKE 1-3

LUKE WAS WRITTEN FOR ______.

LUKE 1:1-4
LUKE 3:1
THE VOICE AFTER THE 400 YEAR
MALACHI 4:5-6
LUKE 3:2
BEFORE FORGIVENESS.
LUKE 3:3-6
THE SIN OF
LUKE 3:7-9

THE SIN OF
LUKE 3:10-11
THE SIN OF
LUKE 3:12-13
THE SIN OF
LUKE 3:14
THE WAY FOR JESUS.
LUKE 3:15-18
THE TO SPEAK THE TRUTH.
LUKE 3:19-20
THE MINISTRY OF JESUS
LUKE 3:21-23

Fill in the blanks: skeptics, silence, repentance, arrogance, selfishness, greed, oppression, preparing, courage, begins

STUDY GUIDE

WEEK 1

This Study Guide will help you go deeper throughout the week with daily scripture reading and questions for your own personal reflection and application. It is also designed to be used for discussion with your family, friends and Life Group.

UNDERSTANDING LUKE

The third of the four Gospels doesn't identify it's author, but history has identified him as Luke, an early Gentile convert and beloved physician (Colossians 4:14; 2 Timothy 4:11; Philemon 24). The opening lines reveal that Luke wrote as a diligent historian, not as a first hand observer of the events recorded. As the only non-Jewish author in the New Testament, Luke emphasizes the Gospel is for all people. As a physician, Luke writes with care and sensitivity. He emphasizes Jesus' compassion toward women, the outcasts of society, the sick and the poor. Luke presents his historical account in chronological order, starting with the details of Jesus' ancestry, birth, and early life. He also records the most parables of all the Gospels.

OPEN UP

If you could choose someone to be the biographer of your life story, who would you choose, and why?

DAY 1: READ LUKE 1:1-38

How does Gabriel's word to Mary (1:26-37) compare to his word to Zechariah (1:11-20)? How do their responses compare?

Describe a time recently when you sensed God was speaking to you (directly, through the Bible, or another person). How did it make you feel? How did you initially respond? How did God meet you?

In what area of your life do you need to believe that nothing is impossible with God? What keeps you from believing this?

DAY 2: READ LUKE 1:39-80

What attributes of God are extolled in Mary's song(1:50-55)? Which of these means the most to you?

DAY 2: READ LUKE 1:39-80 CONT.

Which of the promises listed in Zechariah's song mean the most to you (1:68-79)?

Write out a list, thank you note or a song praising God for his attributes and faithfulness expressed to you.

DAY 3: READ LUKE 2:1-20

God sends his angels to visit the shepherds sitting in a nearby field the night Jesus is born. Of all the people God could have sent them to, why do you think he chose the shepherds?

God appeared to the shepherds while they were just going about their everyday lives. What does that tell you about what it means to be "spiritual"?

How has God been speaking to you in the midst of your everyday life this week? Have you been listening?

DAY 4: READ LUKE 2:21-51

In Simeon's two prophecies (2:29-32, 34-35), what was he predicting about the nature of Jesus' work?

When has God brought a "Simeon" or "Anna" to confirm something in your life? How did this affect you?

What do we learn about the boy Jesus' character traits in verses 43-52?

DAY 5: READ LUKE 3:1-38

What's radical about John's message (3:3)? What does the "root" and "fruit" signify (3:9)?

How does John differentiate himself and his ministry from Jesus (3:16-17)?

Matthew's genealogy of Jesus goes back to Abraham, but Luke goes all the way back to Adam (3:38). Why might this be important?